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Mercenary **Marc Spector** died and was reborn in the shadow of **Khonshu**, the Egyptian god of the moon. Spector became **Moon Knight**, the Fist of Khonshu, to fight evil. Through his Midnight Mission, he is the defender of all those who travel at night.

# MOON KNIGHT

## "HOROSCOPE, PART 2"

While defending his neighborhood, Moon Knight has made several new allies including his vampire assistant Reese, local Terry and the reformed Hydra veteran nicknamed Soldier. Moon Knight also has a hidden enemy who has been secretly observing him from the shadows and sending challengers his way.

Soldier was kidnapped by Moon Knight's mysterious enemy. "Terry" revealed that he was really the villainous Zodiac and had been Moon Knight's secret nemesis all along. An injured Moon Knight managed to save Soldier, but couldn't prevent Zodiac from bombing the Midnight Mission.

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GONNA KILL YOU FOR THIS--
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
THAT'S THE MOON KNIGHT I'VE ALWAYS HEARD ABOUT!
GO ON, REALLY LET ME HAVE IT!
KUDD
UGHDD!
YOU WANT TO HURT ME, MOON KNIGHT?
YOU WANT TO CUT MY FACE OFF?

YOU GONNA KILL ME, TERRY?
GO AHEAD.
I'LL JUST COME BACK. LIKE I ALWAYS DO.

AND THEN I'M GOING TO PUT YOU THROUGH A WOOD CHIPPER.

KILL YOU?
GOD, WHAT A WASTE.

WHAT ARE YOU, DEAF? ARE YOU AN IDIOT? WHAT HAVE I BEEN SAYING ALL THIS TIME?
I DON'T WANT TO KILL YOU.
I WANT TO BREAK YOU.


I WANT TO HELP YOU.

"YOU'VE GOT SO MUCH POTENTIAL, MOON KNIGHT.
"YOU COULD REALLY BE SOMETHING.
"BUT YOU'RE ADDICTED TO THE STINK OF YOUR OWN HYPOCRISY.
"THE WOOD CHIPPER BIT WAS GOOD THOUGH. THAT'S A START."
BANG BANG
OPEN UP!
OPEN UP!
YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I DON'T WANT TO BE HERE.
YOU DON'T LIKE ME.
AND I DON'T LIKE YOU.
AND YOU DON'T LIKE HIM.
BUT HE NEEDS YOU.
NOW.

SO, YOU PASSED ALL MY LITTLE TESTS.
GOOD ON YOU. I'M IMPRESSED. NO, I'M DELIGHTED.
I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS GAME TO GO ON THIS LONG, AND I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU:
WHUBBD

I LOVE IT.
SO NO, I'M NOT GOING TO KILL YOU.

BUT I AM GOING TO LEAVE YOU WITH...

KLIK
...WELL, LET'S CALL IT A BIT OF MOTIVATION.

HOPE YOU WEREN'T TOO ATTACHED TO SOLDIER.
SCRATCH THAT--I HOPE YOU WERE.

I THINK NOT.

OOOF!

WHAAAAM

SPARE YOURSELF THE EFFORT.

STAY DOWN.

HEH. ALMOST *FELT* THAT ONE.

NOW YOU, *YOU* I COULDN'T PREDICT. WHO KNEW THERE WAS *ANOTHER* FIST OF KHONSHU?

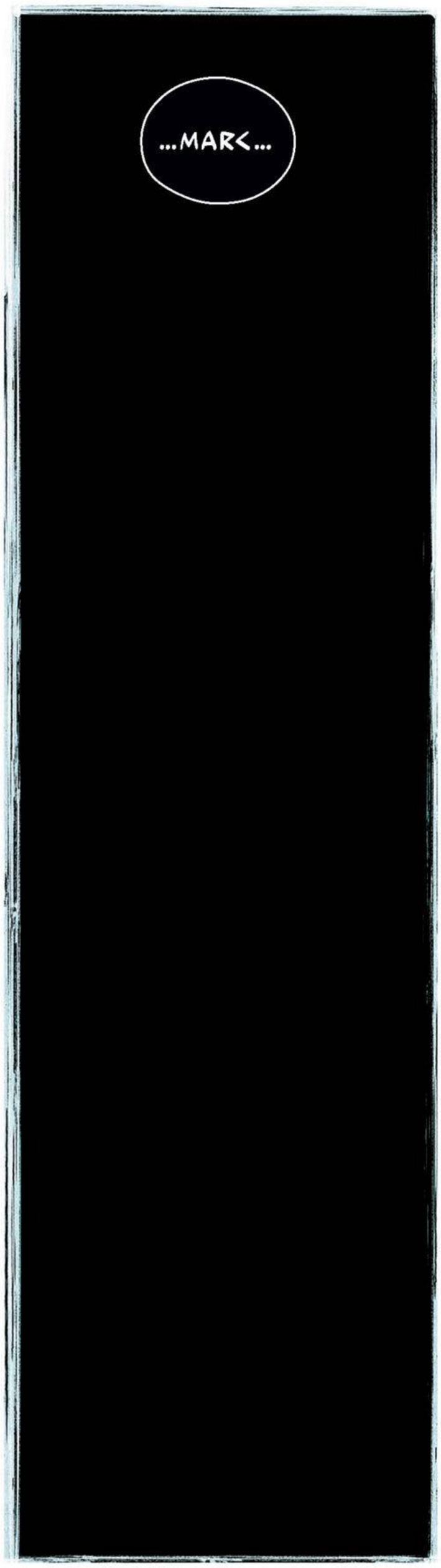
*MOON KNIGHT JR.* GOD. HOW *EMBARRASSING* FOR YOU.

I STILL OWE YOU SOME LICKS FROM *LAST TIME...*

...BUT MY COACH IS ABOUT TO TURN BACK INTO A *PUMPKIN...*

BEEEP

...SO SAYONARA, MOON KNIGHTS.
...WHERE...?
...HMM.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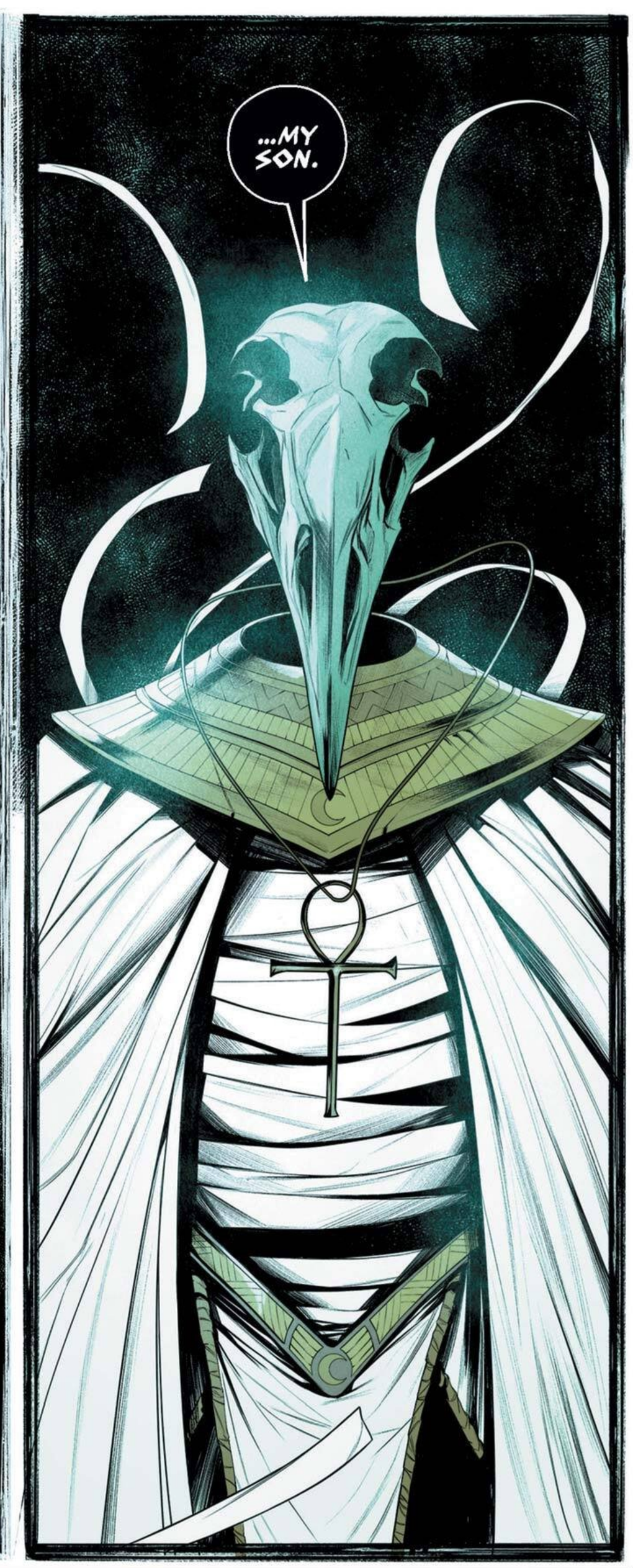

...MY SON.

YAAAAH!!!

GURRHH--
BE CALM.
YOU'RE BADLY INJURED.

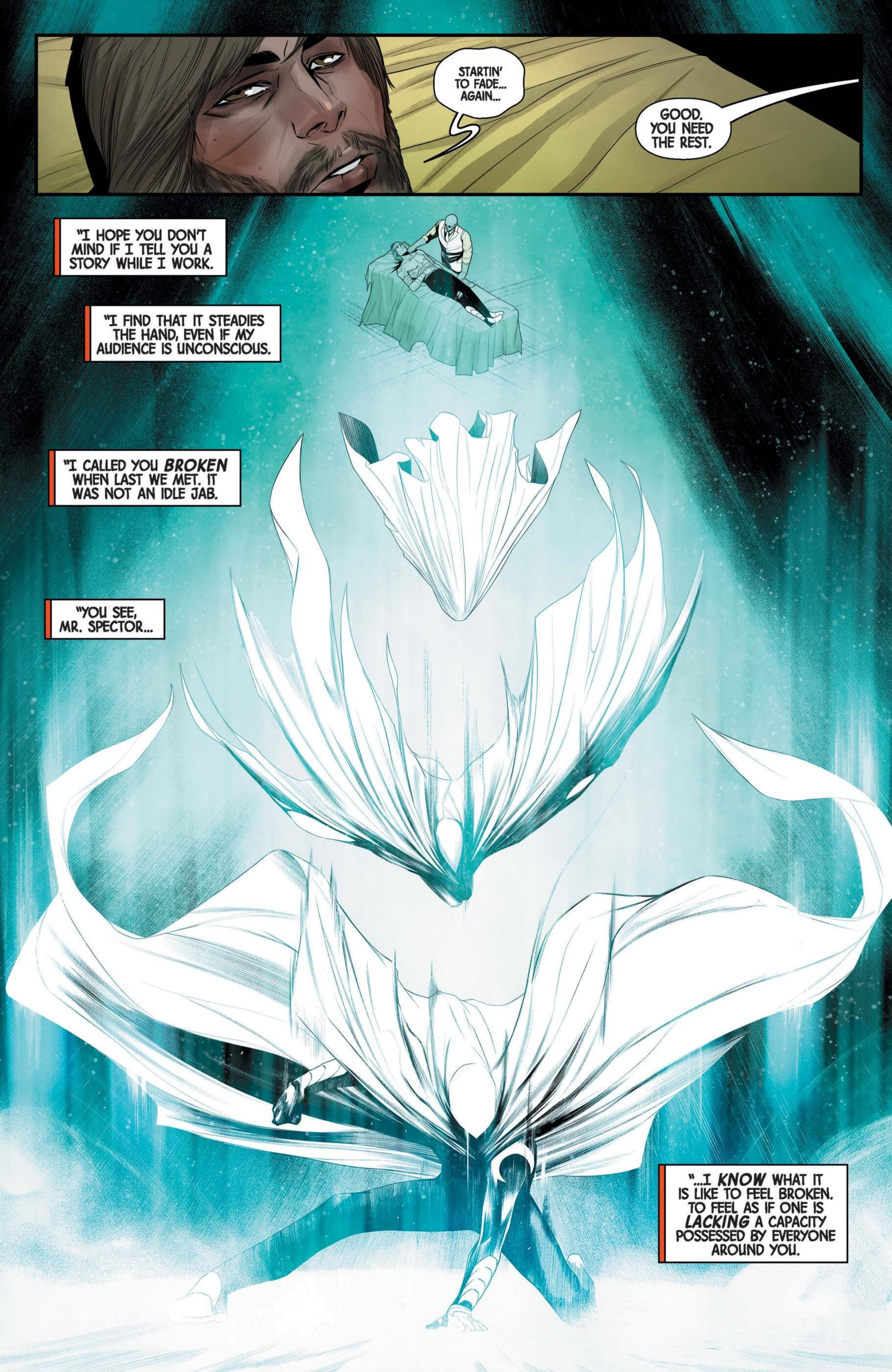
...YOU'RE THE LAST PERSON...I'D EXPECT TO SAVE ME-- TO BE PUTTING MY HURTS TO RIGHT...
OH? AND WHY IS THAT, MR. SPECTOR?

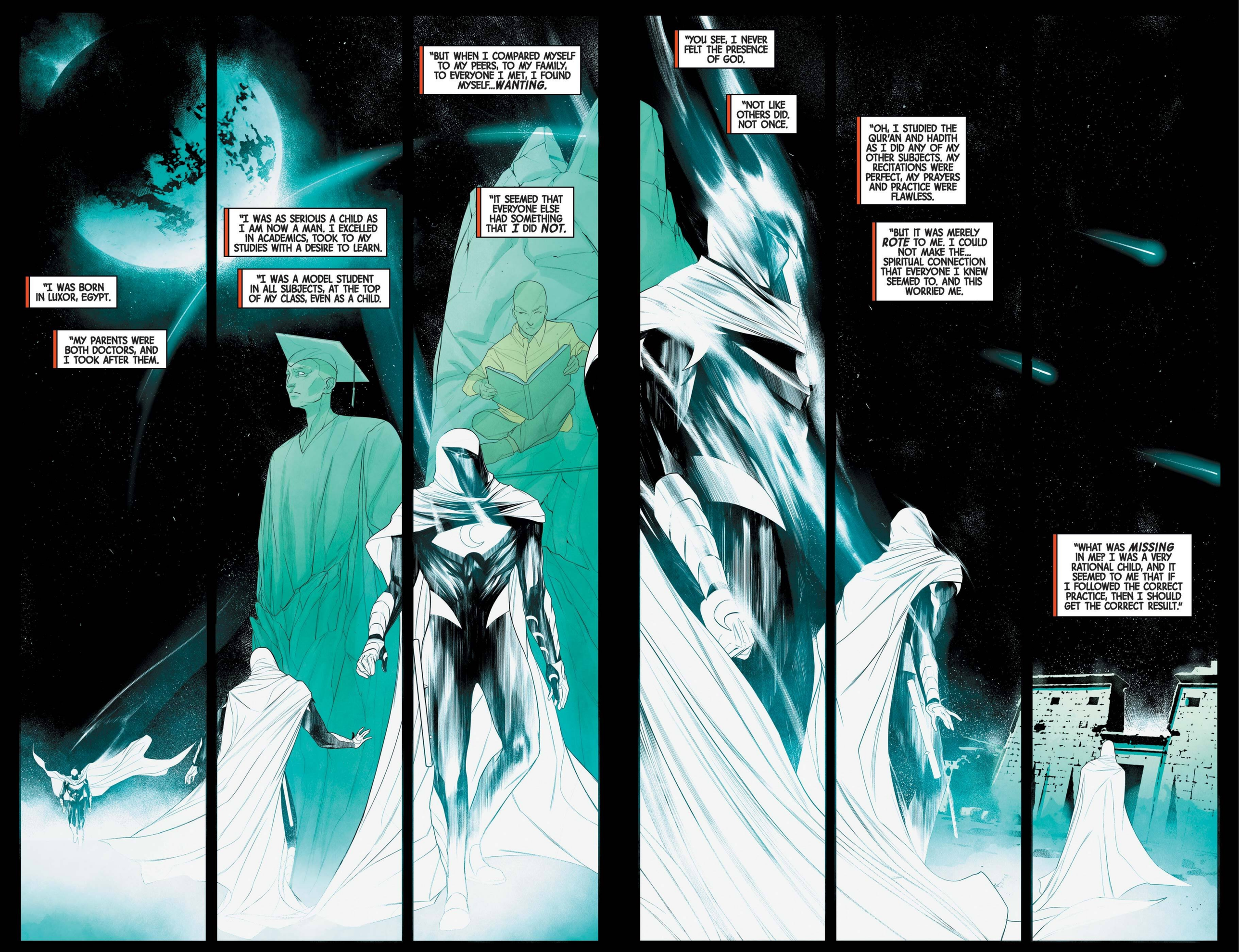
YOU DON'T LIKE ME, BADR. IF I RECALL RIGHT, YOU KICKED ME OFF OF A BUILDING.
YOU TRIED TO KILL A FRIEND OF MINE.
I THREATENED TO MURDER YOU LAST TIME WE MET.

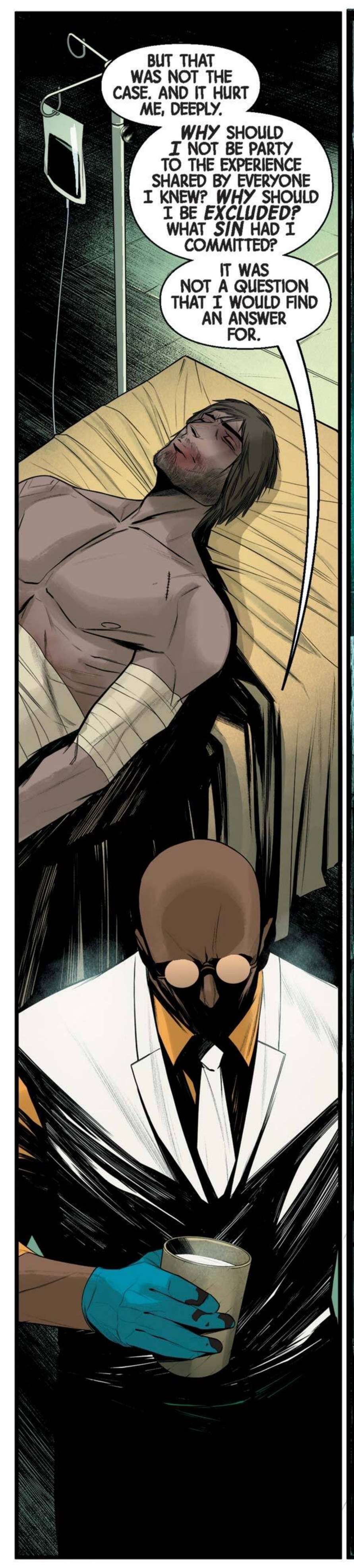
HMM.
THAT MAY BE TRUE.
I MAY NOT RESPECT YOU.

I MAY NOT EVEN LIKE YOU.
BUT WE HAVE THE SAME FATHER, MR. SPECTOR.

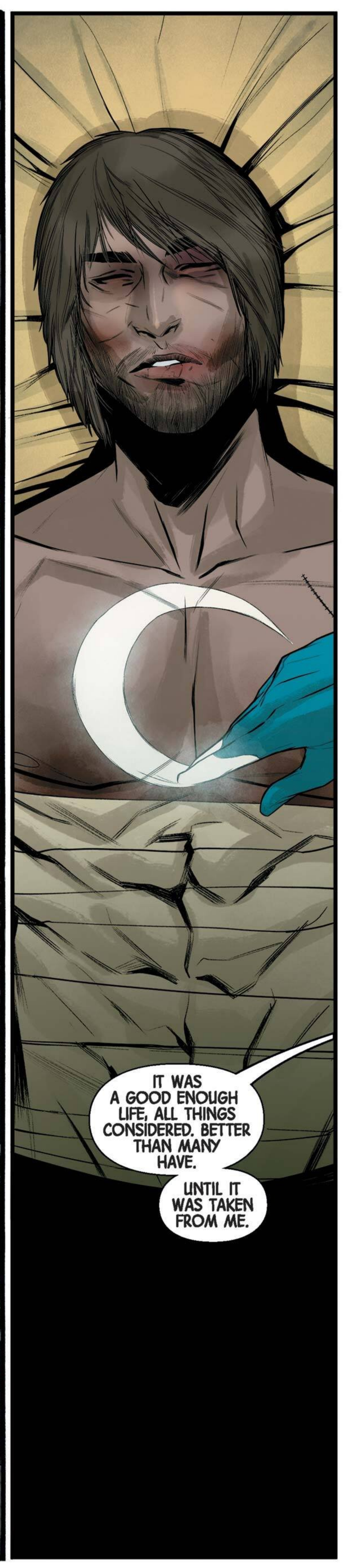
AND THAT MAKES US BROTHERS.


STARTIN' TO FADE... AGAIN...
GOOD. YOU NEED THE REST.
"I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND IF I TELL YOU A STORY WHILE I WORK.
"I FIND THAT IT STEADIES THE HAND, EVEN IF MY AUDIENCE IS UNCONSCIOUS.
"I CALLED YOU BROKEN WHEN LAST WE MET. IT WAS NOT AN IDLE JAB.
"YOU SEE, MR. SPECTOR...
"...I KNOW WHAT IT IS LIKE TO FEEL BROKEN. TO FEEL AS IF ONE IS LACKING A CAPACITY POSSESSED BY EVERYONE AROUND YOU.

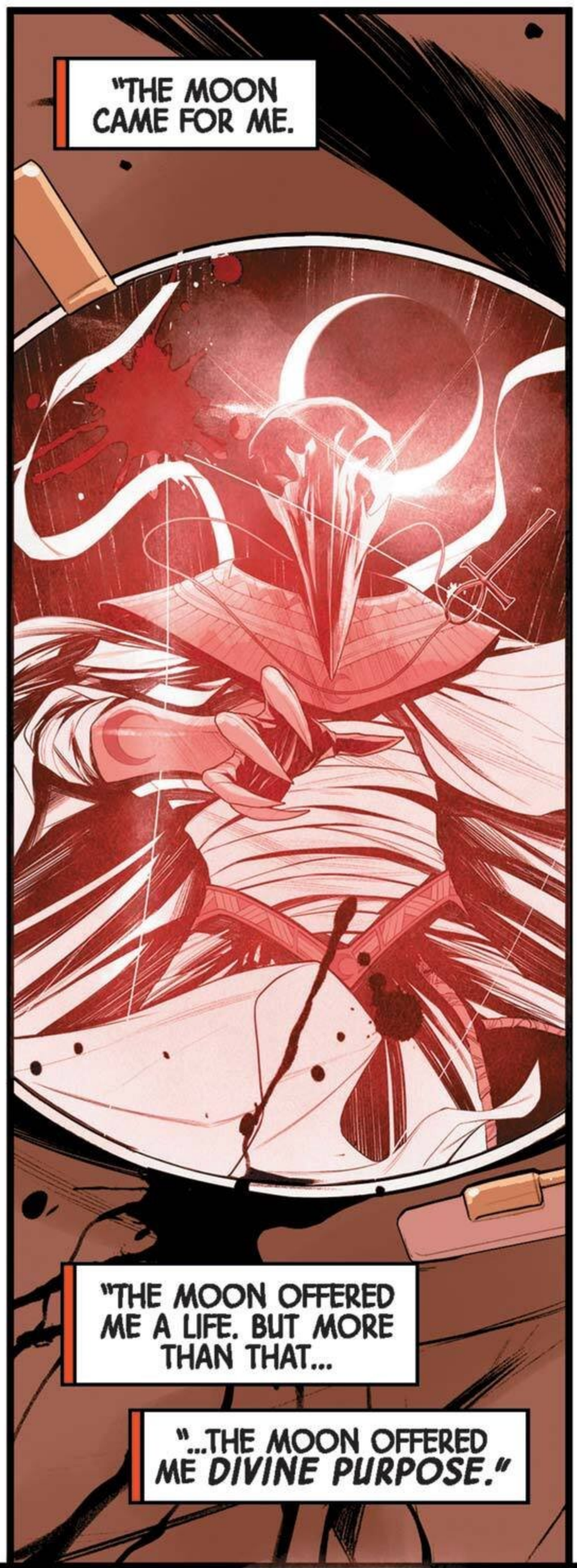

"I WAS BORN IN LUXOR, EGYPT.
"MY PARENTS WERE BOTH DOCTORS, AND I TOOK AFTER THEM.
"I WAS AS SERIOUS A CHILD AS I AM NOW A MAN. I EXCELLED IN ACADEMICS, TOOK TO MY STUDIES WITH A DESIRE TO LEARN.
"I WAS A MODEL STUDENT IN ALL SUBJECTS, AT THE TOP OF MY CLASS, EVEN AS A CHILD.
"BUT WHEN I COMPARED MYSELF TO MY PEERS, TO MY FAMILY, TO EVERYONE I MET, I FOUND MYSELF...WANTING.
"IT SEEMED THAT EVERYONE ELSE HAD SOMETHING THAT I DID NOT.
"YOU SEE, I NEVER FELT THE PRESENCE OF GOD.
"NOT LIKE OTHERS DID. NOT ONCE.
"OH, I STUDIED THE QUR'AN AND HADITH AS I DID ANY OF MY OTHER SUBJECTS. MY RECITATIONS WERE PERFECT, MY PRAYERS AND PRACTICE WERE FLAWLESS.
"BUT IT WAS MERELY ROTE TO ME. I COULD NOT MAKE THE... SPIRITUAL CONNECTION THAT EVERYONE I KNEW SEEMED TO. AND THIS WORRIED ME.
"WHAT WAS MISSING IN ME? I WAS A VERY RATIONAL CHILD, AND IT SEEMED TO ME THAT IF I FOLLOWED THE CORRECT PRACTICE, THEN I SHOULD GET THE CORRECT RESULT."


BUT THAT WAS NOT THE CASE. AND IT HURT ME, DEEPLY.
WHY SHOULD I NOT BE PARTY TO THE EXPERIENCE SHARED BY EVERYONE I KNEW? WHY SHOULD I BE EXCLUDED? WHAT SIN HAD I COMMITTED?
IT WAS NOT A QUESTION THAT I WOULD FIND AN ANSWER FOR.

"OUTWARDLY, I FOLLOWED THE CORRECT PRACTICES. I ATTENDED PRAYER, I STUDIED, I DID EVERYTHING THAT WAS EXPECTED OF ME. BUT INWARDLY, I GREW TO BE A STRICT RATIONALIST. I BELIEVED IN NOTHING THAT I COULD NOT SEE OR TOUCH.
"I GREW TO BE AN ADULT IN SUCH A WAY. I FOLLOWED MY PARENTS INTO MEDICINE, WAS A RESPECTABLE MAN. I HAD FEW FRIENDS, BUT I AM NOT FRIENDLY BY NATURE, SO IT MATTERED LITTLE TO ME. I KEPT MY LACK HIDDEN, SO AS TO FIT IN."


IT WAS A GOOD ENOUGH LIFE, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED. BETTER THAN MANY HAVE.
UNTIL IT WAS TAKEN FROM ME.

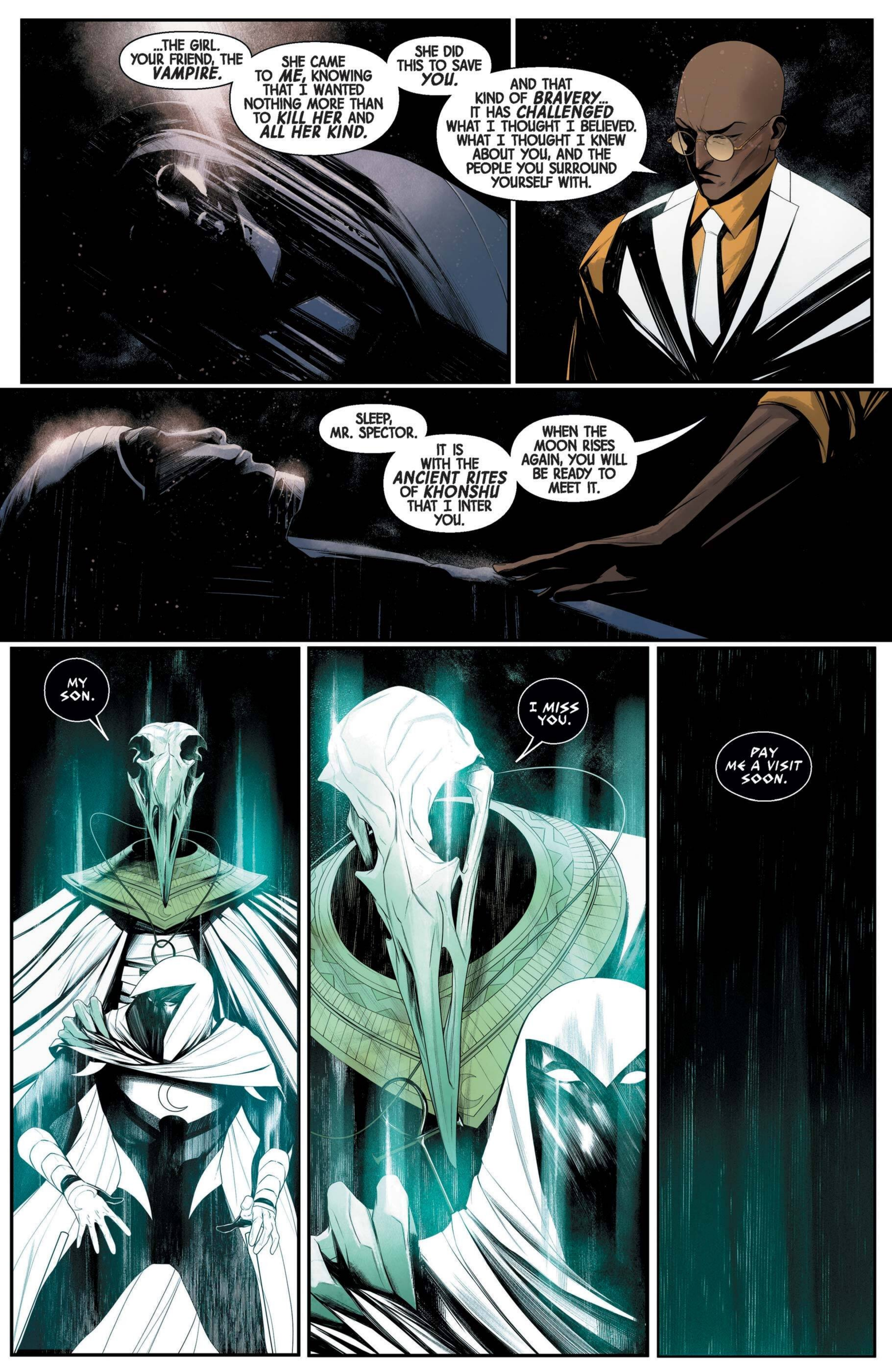
IT WAS NIGHT. I WAS WALKING BY MYSELF, AS I OFTEN DID.
"THERE IS ALWAYS DANGER IN WALKING ALONE AT NIGHT. THERE WERE STORIES OF STRANGE ATTACKERS.
"BUT I WAS NOT ONE GIVEN TO FEARS.
"I SHOULD HAVE BEEN.
"THEY KILLED ME, THE VAMPIRES.
"FILLED THEIR BELLIES WITH MY BLOOD, LEFT ME THERE WITH NONE BUT THE MOON AS WITNESS.
"BUT THE MOON WAS ENOUGH.


"THE MOON CAME FOR ME.
"THE MOON OFFERED ME A LIFE. BUT MORE THAN THAT...
"...THE MOON OFFERED ME DIVINE PURPOSE."

MY WHOLE LIFE, I HAD FELT HOLLOW. BROKEN, SOMEHOW.
UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND SOMETHING THAT APPEARED SIMPLE ENOUGH TO EVERYONE ELSE AROUND ME.
BUT KHONSHU OFFERED ME THAT MISSING PIECE OF THE PUZZLE THAT WAS MYSELF.

"FINALLY, I KNEW WHAT IT WAS TO KNOW GOD.
"AND THAT IS WHY I HAVE BORNE YOU SUCH ANIMOSITY."

WHAT I SPENT MY LIFE LONGING FOR...
...YOU HAVE THROWN AWAY LIKE IT WAS NOTHING.
SO WHAT'S CHANGED?


...THE GIRL. YOUR FRIEND, THE VAMPIRE.
SHE CAME TO ME, KNOWING THAT I WANTED NOTHING MORE THAN TO KILL HER AND ALL HER KIND.
SHE DID THIS TO SAVE YOU.
AND THAT KIND OF BRAVERY... IT HAS CHALLENGED WHAT I THOUGHT I BELIEVED. WHAT I THOUGHT I KNEW ABOUT YOU, AND THE PEOPLE YOU SURROUND YOURSELF WITH.
SLEEP, MR. SPECTOR.
IT IS WITH THE ANCIENT RITES OF KHONSHU THAT I INTER YOU.
WHEN THE MOON RISES AGAIN, YOU WILL BE READY TO MEET IT.
MY SON.
I MISS YOU.
PAY ME A VISIT SOON.

MR. SPECTOR.

IT IS NIGHT AGAIN.

YOUR FRIENDS AWAIT YOU.

URGHH...

I HURT *ALL* OVER...

...BUT I CAN *MOVE*.

WHICH IS MORE THAN I SHOULD EXPECT, CONSIDERING I GOT *BLOWN* UP AND THEN *BEAT* UP.

THANK YOU, DR. BADR.

AS I *SAID*.

I AM *STILL* NOT CERTAIN WHETHER YOU *ARE* FIT FOR YOUR TITLE. I AM NOT CERTAIN THAT I EVEN *LIKE* YOU AT ALL.

BUT ALL THE SAME: *WE ARE BROTHERS*.

HELLO, GREER.
HELLO, REESE.

THAT WAS A BRAVE THING YOU DID, REESE.
GOING TO DR. BADR. THANK YOU.
YEAH, WELL. I MEAN, TERRY-- THAT GUY WAS GOING TO KILL YOU.

ZODIAC.
"TERRY" WAS A MASK, REESE. HE ONLY EXISTED SO ZODIAC COULD INFILTRATE OUR OPERATION.
I'M SORRY.

I KNOW.
IT HURTS.

SO, WHAT'S NEXT?
NOTHING'S CHANGED.
I PROTECT MY PEOPLE.
AND I MADE ZODIAC A PROMISE.

MR. KNIGHT.
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--GOOD TO SEE YOU UP AND ABOUT, MR. KNIGHT.
--GLAD YOU'RE OKAY, MR. KNIGHT.
--WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU, MR. KNIGHT.

ANYTHING YOU NEED, MR. KNIGHT--
--HERE FOR YOU, MR. KNIGHT. SAME AS YOU'RE HERE FOR US--
--WHATEVER WE CAN DO, MR. KNIGHT.

MR. KNIGHT.
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MR. KNIGHT.

MR. KNIGHT.
I GOT SOMETHING TO SAY.

I GOT A DIRTY HISTORY. YOU KNOW THAT. TRIED TO LEAVE IT ALL BEHIND.
BUT YOU SAVED MY LIFE TWICE. SAVED MY MOM.
I'M YOUR GUY NOW. FOR LIFE. WHATEVER YOU NEED, WHENEVER, NO QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU, SOLDIER.

MR. KNIGHT?
THE MISSION'S BURNED DOWN, TER--ZODIAC'S IN THE WIND...
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
WE MAY NOT HAVE THE BUILDING, BUT WE STILL HAVE A MISSION.
AND IF ZODIAC WANTS TO TEST ME AGAIN...
...HE KNOWS WHERE TO FIND ME.
CRIME SCENE-DO NOT CROSS

I'M MOON KNIGHT.
AND I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE.
ME SCENE - DO NOT CROSS

NEXT:

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